

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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"Autumn is springtime in reverse." – Terri Guillemets



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Clubhouse Corner

by Richard Hoffman - Board President

UPDATES RE: GRASS LAWN AREAS AT CLUBHOUSE

As a follow up to my piece in the September 2023 newsletter, the Board has decided to 'skip' the annually scheduled winter overseeding of the grassy lawn areas adjacent to the Clubhouse this year. We will be performing winter overseeding in the dog park. This may negatively affect the appearance of those lawn areas, but it is consistent with our efforts to conserve water during our current Arizona drought conditions and while we consider the phased removal of the current turf areas moving forward.

Our Building & Grounds Committee will be hosting two (2) community-wide meetings – one on **November 15th at 7:00PM** and a second next **January 17, 2024 at 7:00PM** at the Clubhouse to present a proposed plan to replace the lawn areas to the Community and to answer questions and solicit homeowners' input. While the Board has supported these efforts, no final approval to move forward as to any particular plan has been given until we have the benefit of our homeowners' responses to any such proposed plan.

COURT NIXES OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Last September the Board adopted revisions to our parking rules which limited overnight parking in a homeowner's driveway. One of our homeowners challenged such restrictions and brought a lawsuit against the community seeking to invalidate such limitations. The Court recently ruled in such homeowner's favor and, as such, the recent overnight driveway parking restrictions are no longer in force. While the Board is disappointed in this result, we will abide by the Court's decision.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 24 at 1:00 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 8 at 8:30 am.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 10 at 12:30 p.m.** Modification applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, October 5 at 12 noon.**

Social Committee will meet on **Monday, October 16 from 1 - 3 pm**



Lone Mountain Road Clean-up: The next trash pick-up by Bellasera residents on Lone Mountain Road is planned for **Saturday, October 28, at 8:00 a.m.** Bellasera resident **Dennis Soeffner** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. Bellasera residents have been volunteering for this city-wide cleanup twice a year since 2014. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. All material will be furnished, and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

Recent Bellasera Veterans: Next month we plan to once again recognize all Bellasera veterans. If you've moved here since November of last year and are a vet, please e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. Indicate your name, branch of service, and dates served.



Bellasera Bookclub: After a summer of reading and relaxing we will meet on **Wednesday, October 18 at noon** in the clubhouse to pick our selections for the upcoming season. Contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore40@yahoo.com** with any questions.



Yoga: Bellasera yoga instructor **Joy** continues to offer Zoom classes, in addition to the clubhouse sessions **Monday & Thursday at 8:30 a.m.** You may contact her via e-mail, joy.blonstein@gmail.com.



Water Aerobics will resume in **October**. We will meet most **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays** from **10 to 11 a.m.**



October Wine and Cheese Gathering: We're inviting all wine and cheese lovers to join us at our October wine and cheese gathering on **Friday, October 20th** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, a favorite cheese or an appetizer, and let's have some fun. The October gathering will be hosted by **Kurt and Audrey Fischer** at **30924 N 78th Place**. Please text or call **Audrey** at **480.740.4223** or email her at asfischer@cox.net to let us know if you can attend or have any questions. You can also sign-up at the clubhouse or on the website (click [HERE](#)). We look forward to seeing everyone!



Bellasera Hiking Club: The hiking club will meet at the Pima-Dynamite Trailhead on **October 19th** for their first hike of the season. This event will be led by **Michele Shannon**. Go to the website to sign up and to join the hiking club. Click ([HERE](#))

Weather and General Information

September Weather in Bellasera

(September 1 - September 30)

Highest Temperature: **110 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **60 degrees**

Rainfall: **0.49 inch**

Rainfall this year: **8.19 inch**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: weather.azbellasera.org

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the 20th of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Paul Rippens - 480-912-7999**.

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City of Scottsdale Brush & Bulk Collection

The City of Scottsdale will pick up brush and bulk items in the Bellasera community during the week of **Monday, October 2**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, October 30**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. It will be removed during the week. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600**.



Web Site Search: Bellasera's website, azbellasera.org, has a wealth of information about our community. You can join groups on the website, sign up to join activities and review past newsletters for information.

October 2023

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	3 Poker - 7:00 pm	4 Water Aerobics - 10 am	5 Yoga - 8:30 am	6 Water Aerobics - 10 am	7
BRUSH & BULK REMOVAL						
8	9 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	10 Modifications Committee - 12:30 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	11 Water Aerobics - 10 am	12 Yoga - 8:30 am	13 Water Aerobics - 10 am	14
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BELLASERA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 3:00 to 6:00 PM						
22	23 Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	24 Budget & Finance - 1:00 pm Poker - 7:00 pm	25 Water Aerobics - 10 am	26 Yoga - 8:30 am Board of Directors - 1:00 pm	27 Water Aerobics - 10 am	28 Lone Mountain Road Clean-up - 8:00 am
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BRUSH & BULK REMOVAL October 30 - November 3						

Social Committee

Your Board of
Directors invites
you to



BELLASERA'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15,
2023**

3-6 P.M.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Make sure to sign up to attend this event on the website - azbellasera.org

Communications Committee



Since 2014, Bellasera residents have given of their time to assist the City of Scottsdale with their Adopt-A-Road program. Twice a year we're asked to clean up trash left along Lone Mountain Road from Scottsdale Road to Hayden Road. This does not sound like a lot of work but it has become that with the increased traffic along Lone Mountain Road.

When the late Keith Christian got us involved with this program, it became a function of the Communications Committee and it remains so today. The City provides just about everything needed for this program. They provide safety vests, gloves, trash bags and grabbers to assist in picking up the trash.

We typically try to have 8 to 12 residents assist with this program. If this is something you would like to take part in, email the editor of the newsletter at editor@azbellasera.org and you will be put on the list. The editor, **Paul Rip-pens**, will notify you via email that you will be helping and any other information that you may need. All participants in the program are required to sign a waiver at the start of the mornings activities.

To those who have participated in the past, thank you. For those who want to participate in the future, we look forward to your help.

The next Lone Mountain Road cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, October 28**.





October in the Garden

by Joe McDade

September Doldrums Are Over.... The Heat Switch Is Turned Off

Last month, I bemoaned the situation we were in regarding our dry monsoon accompanied by record heat. Well, most of September provided us with more of the same... hot, dry and, hostile to your garden. However, **October is our Month of Change** which means help is on the way! Our recent cool morning and delightful evening temperatures are a preview of coming attractions as we can now expect seven or eight months of moderate, comfortable weather and, let's hope for some fall/winter rain.

Is Time To Plant? - Yes

As I mentioned last month, based on our very poor monsoon season and slow cool down, the optimum time to start planting would probably be the end of September. Well, October has arrived and **it's time to dig in!** Our night temperatures have fallen into the 70's which will make it less stressful for root systems to establish causing plants not to need as much water to survive. However, since we did not have the normal monsoon rains our soil is lacking normal moisture and nutrient levels. So, as you are planting, be mindful to provide these.

What To Plant

It is the best month to plant just about everything:

- **trees** • **shrubs** • **perennials** • **groundcover** • **vines** • **ornamental grasses** • **cacti**
- **succulents** • **wildflowers** • **cool-season veggies** • **herbs** • **flowers**

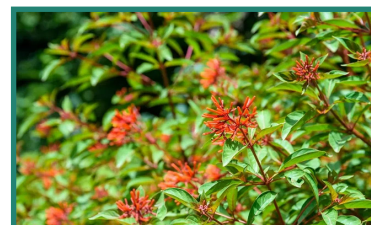
Survey your garden and identify your needs whether it is to replace something that suffered heat damage or a simple addition. Temperatures have abated to a comfortable level and soil remains sufficiently warm to promote seed germination and root growth. Seven to eight months of moderate temperatures are ahead of us which will allow plants to establish before summer's heat returns. **Some suggestions:**

Shrubs

Here in the Sonoran Desert, we do not get the brilliant fall colors like other areas. However, I would recommend that you consider several shrubs (below) that rise to the occasion.

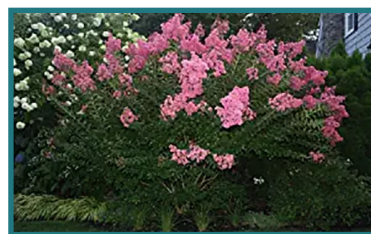
- **Heavenly Bamboo** • **Firebush** • **Beach Vitex** • **Crape Myrtle**
- **Copper-leaved** • **Caesalpinia** • **Mexican Jumping Bean** • **Texas Sage**

Providing you don't already have your "quota", Texas Sage is always a good choice as these plants are easy to care for, compact, drought-resistant and attractive bushes. A profuse bloomer, Sage attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, from late winter to early fall.



Citrus Trees

Right now, there should be a wide selection of citrus available in our local nurseries or orange, grapefruit, tangerine etc. Citrus are easy to plant as you simply have to remember to prepare a hole no deeper than the plant's root ball but at least twice the width of their containers. This promotes root growth out into the native soil. **Remember: Only dwarf citrus trees are allowed in Bella-sera and must be planted in the rear of your home.** These will still provide you with plenty of fruit.



Herbs

Growing herbs are really very easy. If you prefer not to dig, most of them can be easily grown in pots. Also, "starter pots" are available at most grocery stores at a reasonable price.

Some suggestions:

- Sow seeds for:* • **borage** • **caraway** • **chamomile** • **chervil** • **chives** • **cilantro** • **dill** • **fennel**
 • **lemon** • **balm** • **parsley** • **salad burnet** • **sorrel** • **horehound**

Transplant: • **marjoram** • **mint** • **oregano** • **rosemary** • **thyme** • **sage**

Miscellaneous Tasks

Roses - Resume full fertilizing of established roses as the weather cools.

Citrus - Late summer application of nitrogen fertilizer will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navel oranges and tangerines) than spring-ripening (grapefruit and Valencia oranges).

Deciduous Fruit Trees - Prune the water sprouts.

Landscape Plants - Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.

Weed Control - Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. Do not use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.

Mesquite Trees - If your Mesquite trees are looking tall and scraggly, take action now to do some corrective pruning.

Watering - Our temperatures have begun to dip below 100° which means you can gradually start cutting back water to all plants to begin hardening them off for the winter. Remember, both frequency and duration need to be adjusted gradually. Do not stop cold turkey. Change your irrigation timer to reflect the changes in temperature.

Fertilize - If you did not fertilize established cold-hardy shrubs last month, do so early this month. This is the final fertilization of the year.

Prune Perennials - Cut back spring-flowering perennials like *brittlebush*, *globe mallow*, *ruellia*, and groundcovers like *sundrops*, and *trailing bush* hard this month. If the plant is especially leggy or unruly, prune to remove at least 1/3 of the plant or more. After pruning, water well.

Brighten up Your Winter Surroundings....Bring Color to Your Patio

If you planted summer annuals, now is the time to think about replacing them with winter flowers. If you didn't plant summer flowers, think about adding color to your surroundings this winter with some flower beds (preferably in pots) as the nurseries will be packed with glorious selections in every size, color, and shape. Remember, fall flowers need to establish their roots in warm soils. So, starting them now gets a healthy root system developed before the cool fall and cooler winter slows them down. Some suggestions:

• *Alyssum* • *Begonia* • *Calendula* • *Chrysanthemum paludosum* • *Dianthus* • *Dusty Miller* • *Geranium* • *Linaria* • *Lobelia* • *Ornamental Kale* • *Pansy and Viola* • *Petunia* • *Poppies* • *Primroses* • *Snapdragons*

Of course, your selection may be impacted by availability.

Snakes: Most snakes head to winter burrows this month. Although they remain fairly inactive in the colder months, keep in mind that they can emerge any time of year if enough warm days pass to sufficiently rouse them. **Personal Observation:** I think our snake population has decreased over the years which has, unfortunately, led to an increase in our kangaroo rat population (they create all those holes in your yard).



If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Plant Hotline at maricopacountyplanthotline@gmail.com

Bellasera Classifieds

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and household goods. All items will be sold in our Marketplace resale store in Cave Creek. Proceeds go to support kids in our local school district. Contributions may be tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. **Call 480-488-8400**, for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

Caring Corps Charity 12th Annual Golf Day Fundraiser is December 4th at Mirabel Golf club. Sponsors, volunteers, players are needed. If you can help, contact Caring Corps at **480-595-1105** or **foothillscaringcorps.com/golf-2023**.

Introducing Desert Dwellers Home Watching Services exclusively serving Bellasera residents. Owned and operated by year-round Bellasera residents, we are dedicated to ensuring our neighbors have access to reliable and trustworthy home monitoring. Licensed and insured we provide visual inspections of the interior and exterior of your home. For a complete list of services and to schedule a complimentary assessment contact us at **480-634-1452** **ddhomewatch@gmail.com**

I love living in Bellasera! Our market has struck a more reasonable balance with low inventory levels. Our community is very much in demand. Does your house need some work prior to sale? We have a program called REALVITALIZE. If you are interested in selling or just want an idea of market value, please call me! **Audrey Fischer**, Realtor - Coldwell Banker Realty, **(480) 740-4223** or **audrey.fischer@azmoves.com**

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HOUSE CHECKING Starting at \$45. References long time clients upon request. **Info@AllAboutCleaningArizona.com**

FOR SALE: Electric three-wheel bicycle with large basket on back! Perfect condition! Call **Bob 503-329-1947** or **Sandy 602-918-6511**

In Bellasera, our homes are blessed with lots of windows so we can enjoy the outdoors from inside. There are many different types of window treatments that can virtually disappear from the window so we can enjoy the views and feelings that open space give us....without looking through slats. Motorized Roller Shades, Duettes and Large Vouvered Shutters bring a modern look and are excellent choices to open up your window world. Call me at **602-622-7575** to find out more. **Mike Alldredge**, Array Shutters and Blinds, LLC.

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Wanted: Hi Neighbors! We currently live in Bellasera and we love the area and the community. We would love to stay in the area, and are actively looking for a larger home in Bellasera with a 3 Car Garage. If you or your neighbors are considering selling, I would appreciate it if you would reach out to me first directly. You can reach me at **(208) 866-8388**. Thank you. **Leslie Wright**.

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